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In re application of)
OMUR M. SEZERMAN et al.)
Application No. : 10/632,111)
Filed : August 1, 2003)
For : MICROSTRUCTURING OPTICAL)
WAVE GUIDE DEVICES WITH)
FEMTOSECOND OPTICAL PULSES)

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, which was mailed on December 29, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, that the claims covering the method of Species I be examined in the subject application. These claims include claims 1-36, 53, 54 and 56-58.

For the record, Applicants respectfully disagree there that are no generic claims present in the application. On the contrary, claim 37 is generic as to species II, III and IV. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be changed to acknowledge this fact for the record.

No fee is believed due for this filing. However, any deficiencies in fees due for this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.

Respectfully submitted,

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